



Installation (Site) Considerations

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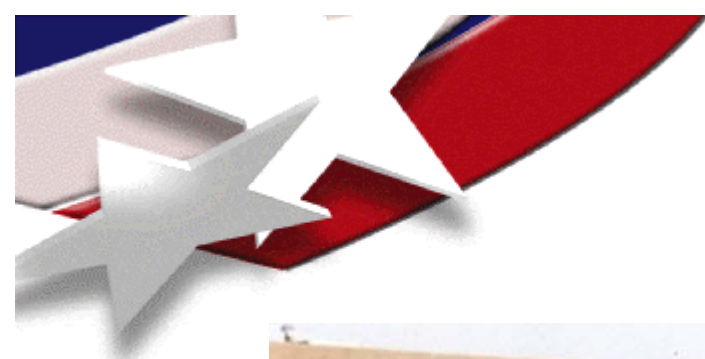
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Basic Considerations

Physical Environment

- Installation location flexible or fixed
 - Some technologies lend themselves to creative siting





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Physical Environment (cont.)

- Location indoors or outdoors
 - Impact of ambient temperature, elevation on power output
 - Some technologies have a minimum starting temperature
- Natural gas needed? What's the local gas pressure?



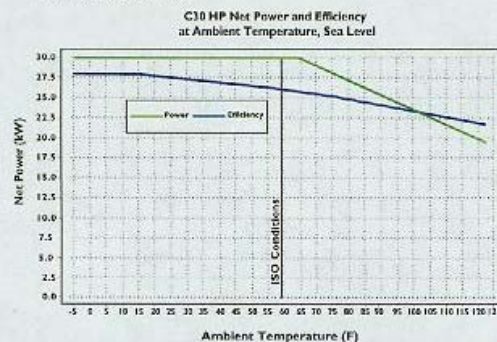
The Product

Features

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- Grid-connect and/or stand-alone
- Maintenance-free air bearings
- No liquid lubricants
- No liquid coolants
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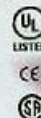
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- Ultra-low emissions
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WY DER
NEMA 1B / 1F 14
Others*



Other packaging options also available.

Full Load Specifications @ ISO Conditions (15°C / 59°F @ sea level)

Performance

Natural gas/gaseous propane (52-55 psig)

Power

30 kW net (+0/-1)
38.2 kVA max @ 480 VAC

Efficiency (LHV)

26% (± 2)

Heat Rate (LHV)

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Emissions:

NO_x<9 ppmV @ 15% O₂ (<0.49 lb/MWh)

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Sound

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CE L_{WA} 96 compliant

Intake/Exhaust

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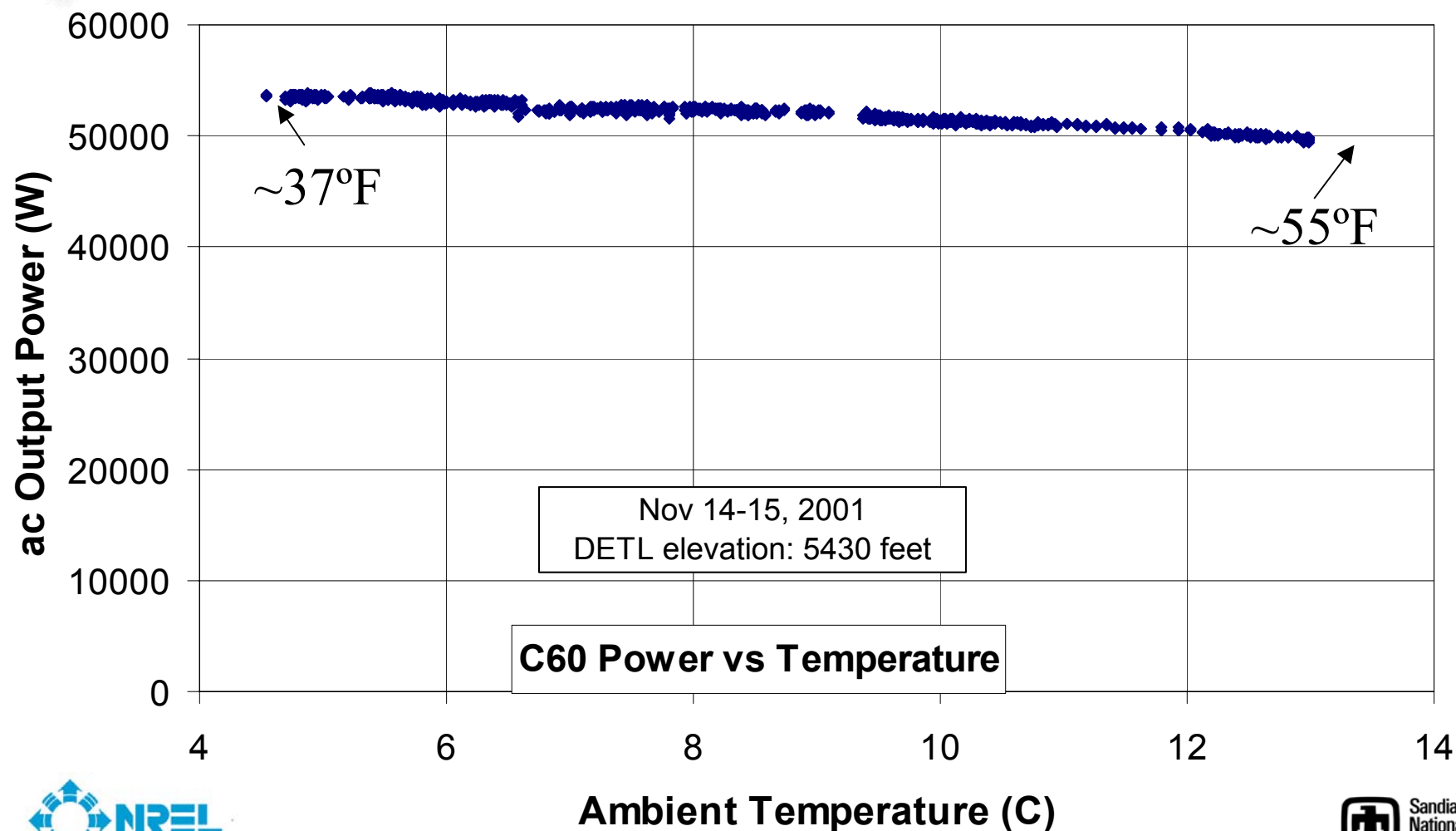
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Impact of Elevation on Output



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- Physical space must include access for NEC and other maintenance.
- Floor load-bearing capacity
- Impact of vibration

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- Emissions
 - Exhaust
 - Compliances often shown on data sheets
 - Thermal
 - Adds to building cooling load
 - Acoustic
 - RFI



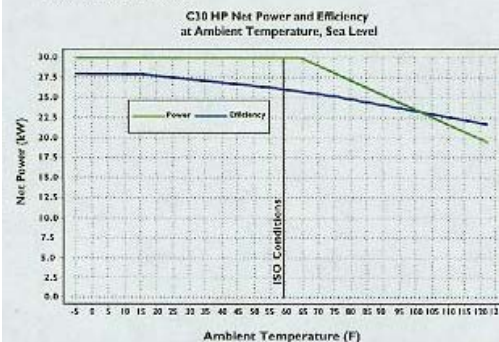
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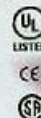
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- Tie to existing utilities
 - Electric
 - Gas
 - Hot water
 - May be the most important consideration for CHP installations



A Real-Life Example of Siting Considerations



Installation Details

- Most covered by local building codes
 - Structural, gas and electric hookups, etc.
- Utility interconnection sometimes contentious, confusing
 - Will be site-dependent. Interconnection rules vary by jurisdiction.
 - Check with local utility before proceeding



Varying Interconnection Rules Cause Headaches

- Efforts underway to create national (IEEE) standards that can be adopted by local jurisdiction to provide uniformity
- Goal of these efforts – to remove the current variability in interconnection rules
- Hoped-for end result – all sites will follow the same rules

What Do These Standards Accomplish?

- Example – IEEE 929-2000
 - The standard established PV interconnection criteria
 - This nationally approved document was then adopted by many local jurisdictions as their interconnection standard
 - Requirements in 929 were included as tests in UL 1741
 - leads to products “listed for the application”
 - satisfies local inspectors



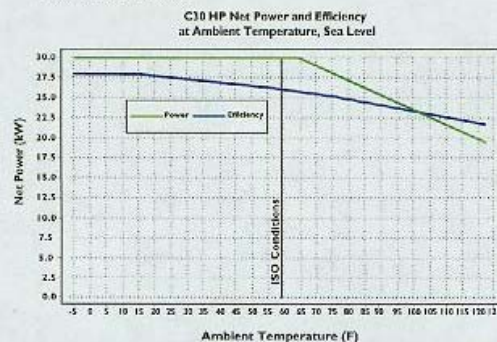
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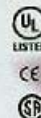
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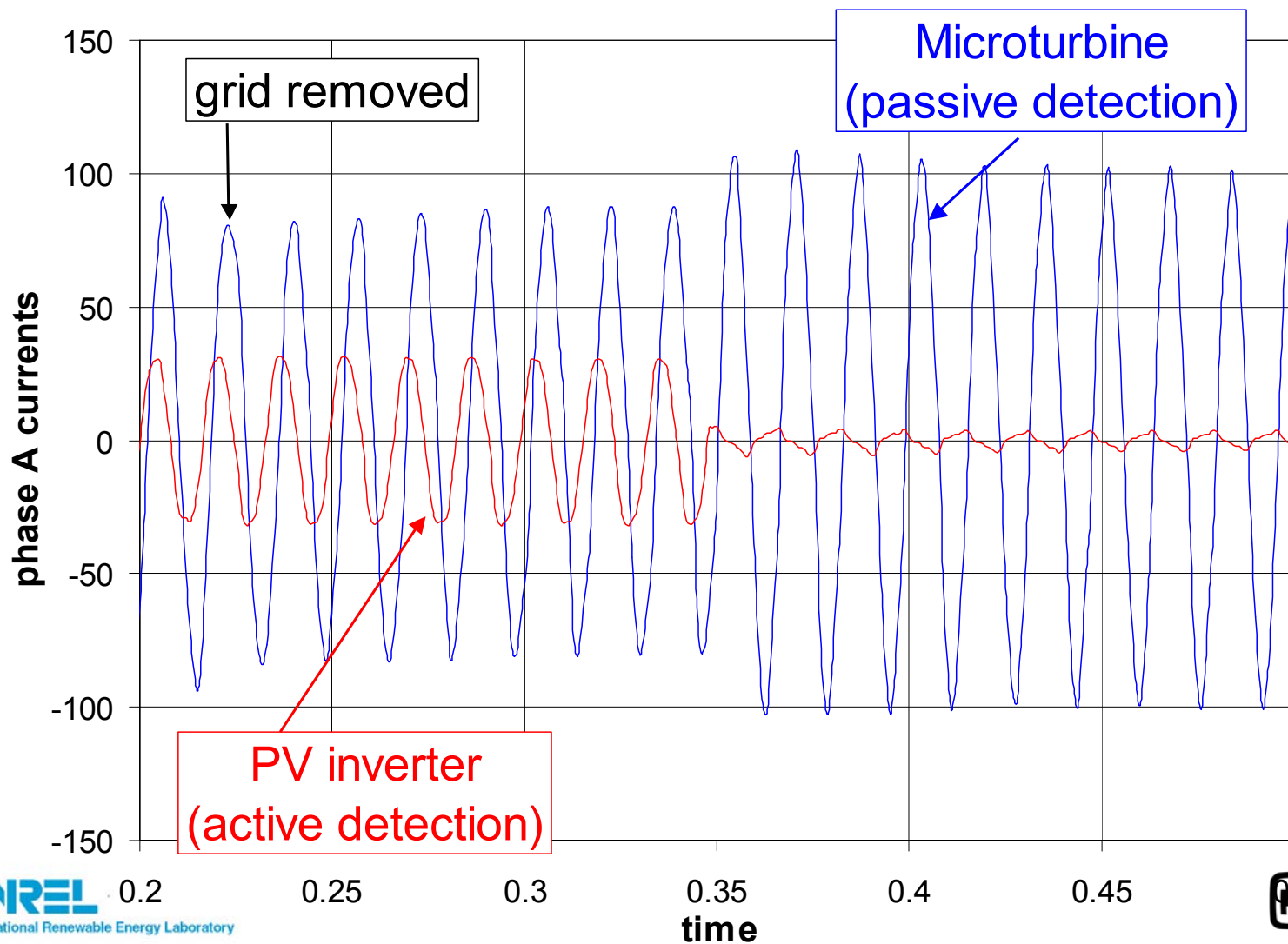
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What Else is Covered By these Standards?

- IEEE 929-2000 – Islanding
 - When the utility intends for a line to be de-energized, the DR on that line should not be energizing it
 - Criteria for anti-islanding standardized
 - Standard test procedure established
 - UL 1741 certifies “Non-Islanding Inverters” as result of this process

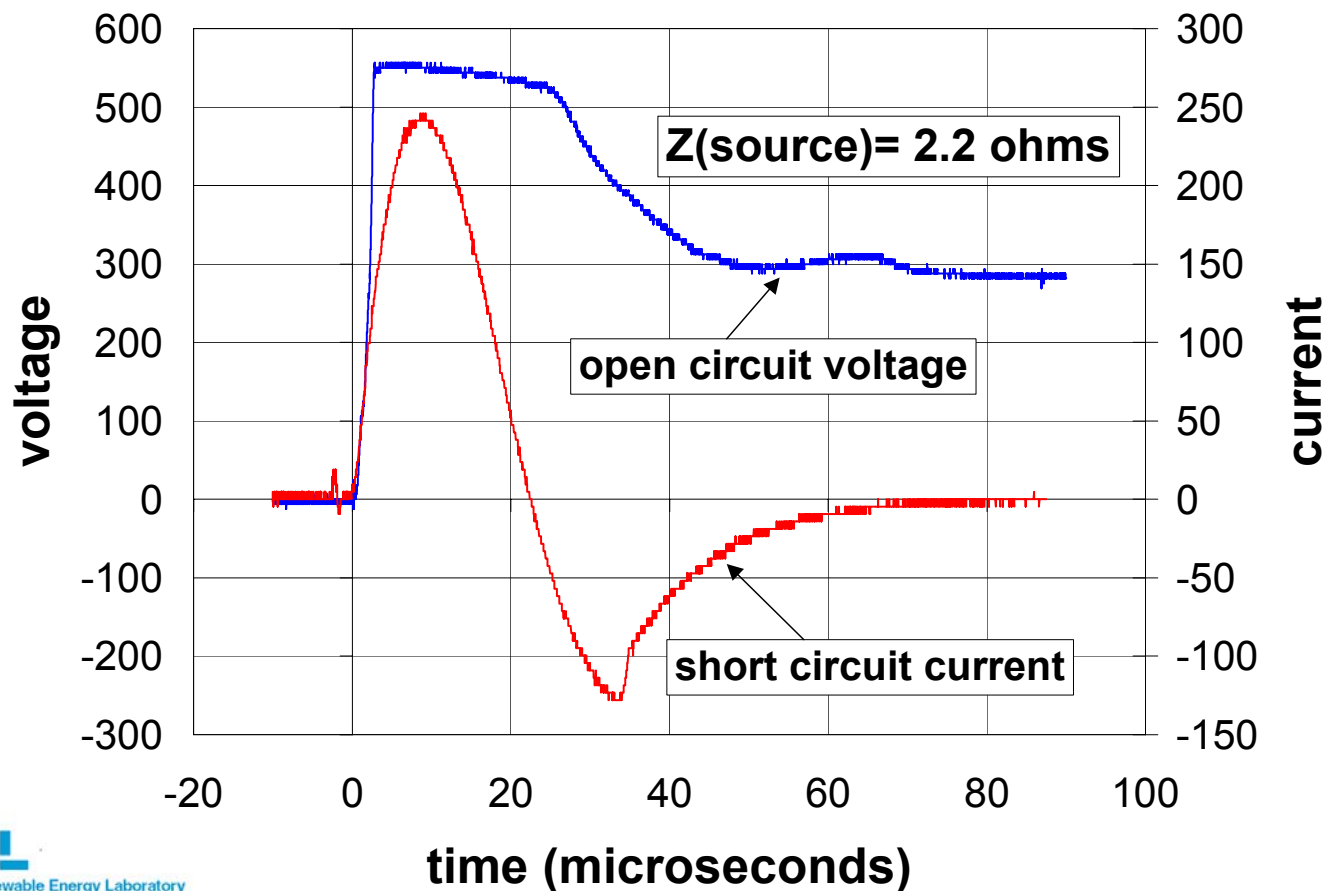
Islanding Test of Two Parallel DG's



Surge Testing to IEEE Standards

Significance Relative to Quantity/Severity of Surges at Site

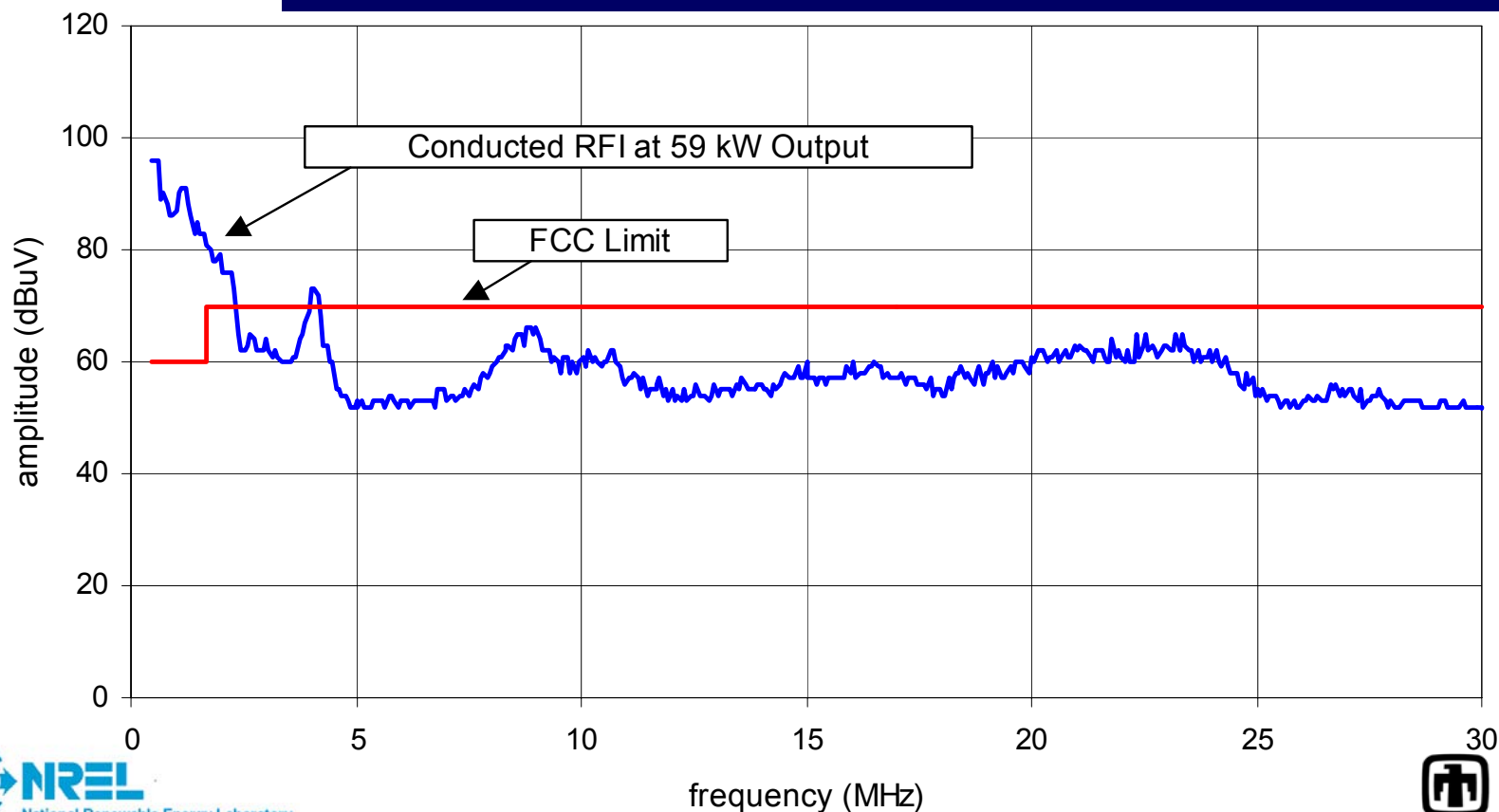
See BOS Brief #6



FCC Tests for Radio Frequency Interference

Important to Sites with Susceptibility to RFI

See BOS Brief #4



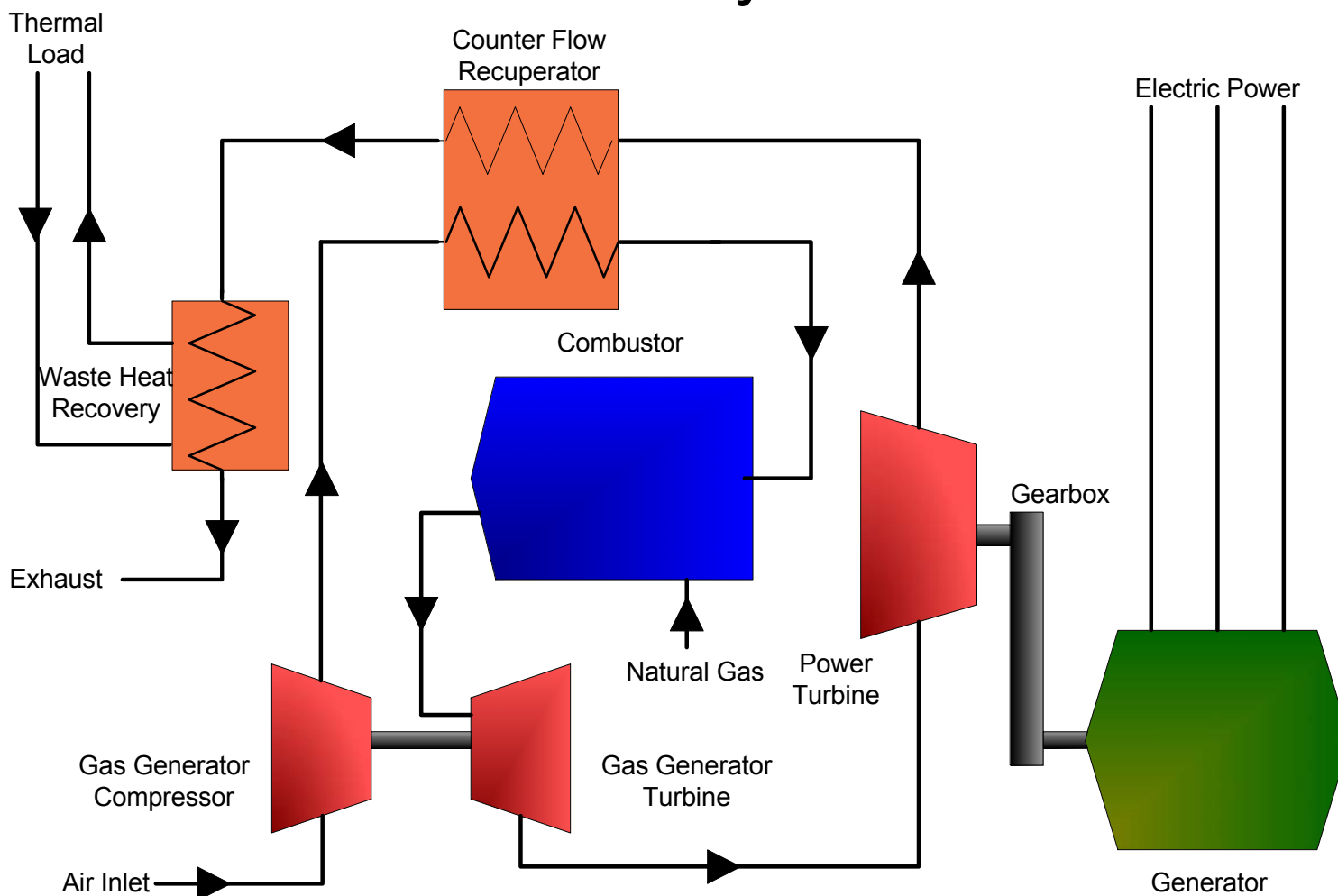


Do You Want Your Microturbine to Recuperate or Not?

Recuperate from what?

The real question is, what do you need more of, electricity or heat?

CHP Microturbine: Cycle Schematic





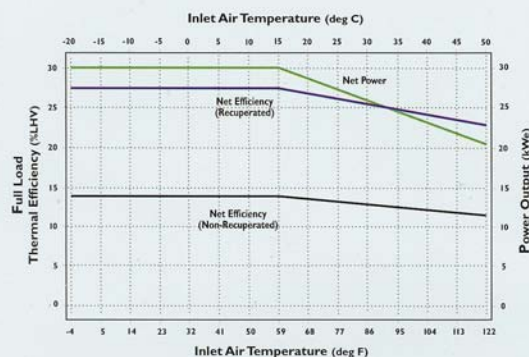
Model 330 MicroTurbine Power Generation Systems

Features

- 30 kW net (ISO conditions)
- 400-480 VAC, 50/60 Hz
3-phase, 3-wire wye or 4-wire wye,
or corner ground delta, 46A/phase max
- ANSI C84.1
- IEEE 519
- 0-7% vol. sour gas capability
- Grid-connect or stand-alone
- Patented air bearings
- Digital power controller
- Air cooled
- Type 3R walk-in enclosures

Benefits

- Burns unprocessed casing gas
- Onsite power from "free" fuel
- Ultra-low emissions
- Ultra-low maintenance
- No liquid lubricants
- No liquid coolants
- Small footprint
- Vibration-free
- Quiet operation
- Multi-unit capable
- Optional remote monitoring



3rd Party Packaging Options



Walk-in, single unit



Walk-in, dual-unit



Walk-in, triple-unit

Other packaging options also available.

Performance Specifications Under ISO Conditions (15°C / 59°F @ sea level)

Performance @ 50 or 60Hz

Recuperated (52-55 psig)
 Non-Recuperated (52-55 psig)

Full-Load Power

30 kW net (+/- 1)
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Efficiency (LHV)

27% (+/- 2)
 14% (+/- 2)

Heat Rate (LHV)

13,300 kJ (12,600 Btu) / kWh
 25,300 kJ (24,000 Btu) / kWh

Emissions:

NO_x

Recuperated

<9 ppmV @ 15% O₂

Non-Recuperated

<35 ppmV @ 15% O₂

Intake/Exhaust:

Fuel flow (Methane-HHV)
 Exhaust gas temperature
 Total exhaust energy

Recuperated

440,000 kJ/hr (420,000 Btu/hr)
 261°C / 500°F
 305,000 kJ/hr (290,000 Btu/hr)

Non-Recuperated

840,000 kJ/hr (800,000 Btu/hr)
 518°C / 965°F
 720,000 kJ/hr (680,000 Btu/hr)

Please call for details on customizable third-party walk-in enclosures pictured above.

All specifications at full-load power. Fuel Heat Content: 26,100 to 93,850 kJ/Nm³ (700 to 2615 Btu/scf) HHV.

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TG80 Cogeneration System Performance

Recuperator Status	%	90% Effective Recuperator	No Recuperator
Recuperator In Gas Temp (EGT)	°C	650	NA
Heat Exchanger Inlet Temperature	°C	278	650
Flue Temp	°C	95	95
Air Mass Flow	kg/s	0.81	0.81
Exhaust Mass Flow	kg/s	0.83	0.83
Thermal Output Power *	kW(th)	150	420
Water In Temp	°C	70	70
Water Out Temp	°C	90	90
Water Flow	kg/s	1.8	5.0
Engine Speed	RPM	68000	68000
Electrical Output Power	kW(e)	80	80
Generating Set Efficiency	%	26.0	14.0
Gas Fuel LHV	mJ/m ³	34.88	34.88
Gas Fuel Consumption	m ³ /hr	31.8	59.0
System Efficiency (not including GBC)	%	75	87
GBC Power Consumption	kW(e)	3.8	7.1
Net System Electrical Efficiency (Including GBC Loss)	%	24.8	12.8
Net System Power Output (Including GBC Loss)	kW(e)	76.2	72.9
Overall System Efficiency (Including GBC loss)	%	74	86

All values at ISO conditions (sea level and 15°C)

* Includes heat recovered from oil

Output Available: 380-480 V, 3 phase, 50/60 Hz

UK Quality Index

Gross Fuel Calorific Value - UK	mJ/m ³	38.63	38.63
Electrical Efficiency Based on Gross Fuel Consumption	%	23.48	12.64
Thermal Efficiency Based on Gross Fuel Consumption	%	44.09	66.29
Electrical Efficiency QI Index		230	230
Thermal Efficiency QI Index		125	125
QI Index Rating	>105	109	112

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Electrical and Thermal Loads

- Highest electrical output —→ Recuperate
- Highest thermal output —→ Don't recuperate
- Highest total energy efficiency —→ Don't recuperate



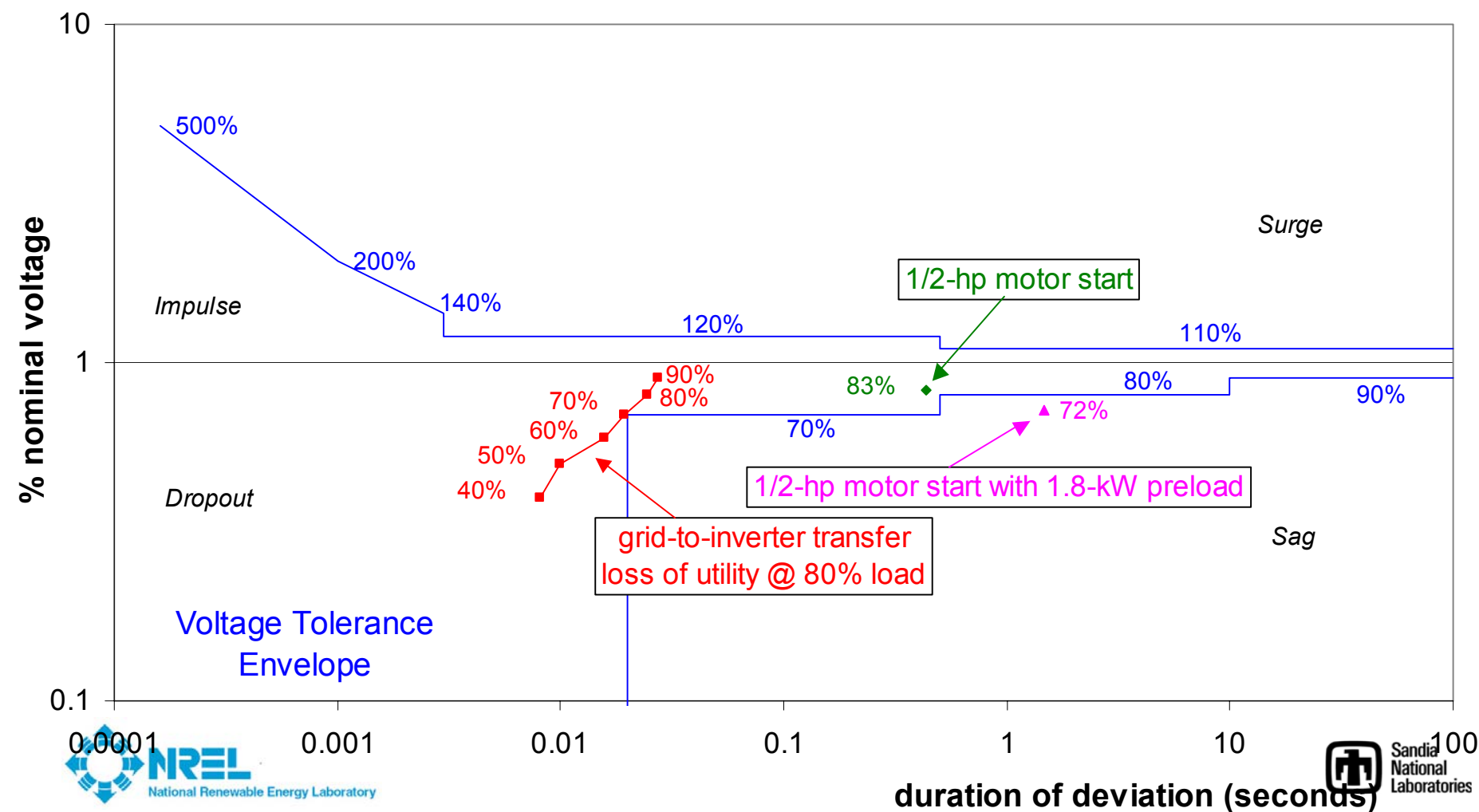
A Real-Life Example of Siting Considerations

Power Quality

- Voltage sags and surges – usually characteristic to a specific site
 - “Utility events” (lightning, switching, faults, motor starts, etc.)
 - Transfer to DG only operation
- Wave shape distortion – can be characteristic to a site or introduced by DG
 - Latter uncommon because of ease in meeting IEEE 519

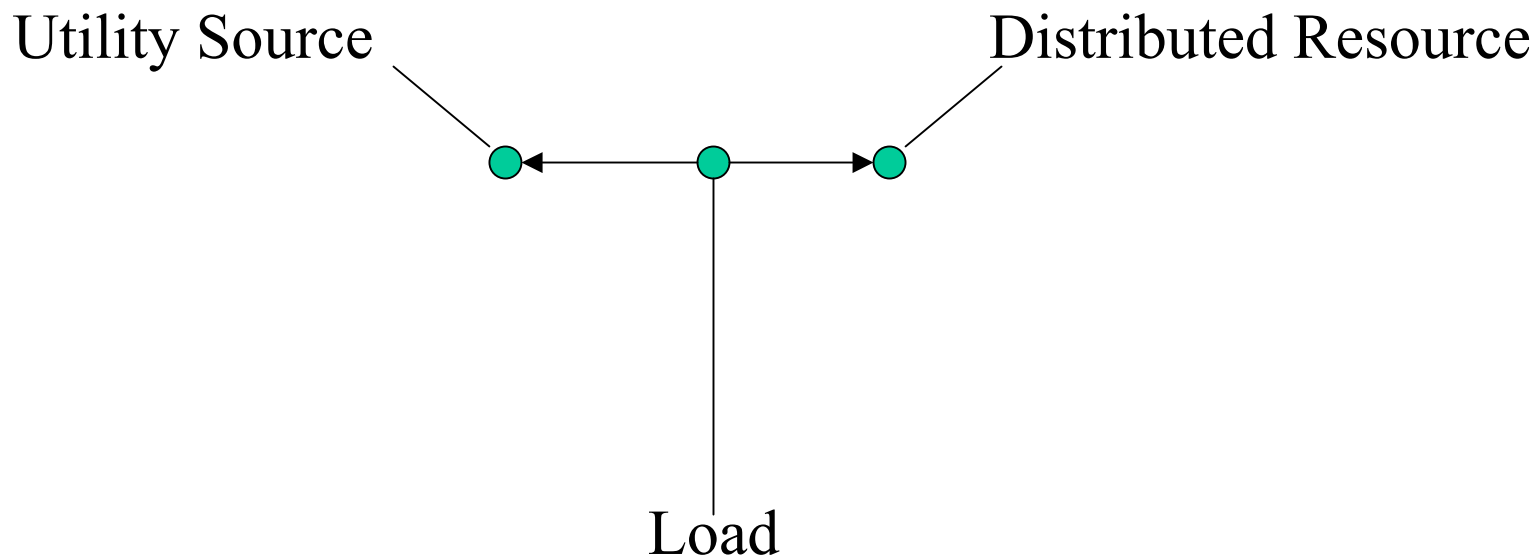
Voltage Sags and Surges

CBEMA/ITIC curve sets a target for business equipment



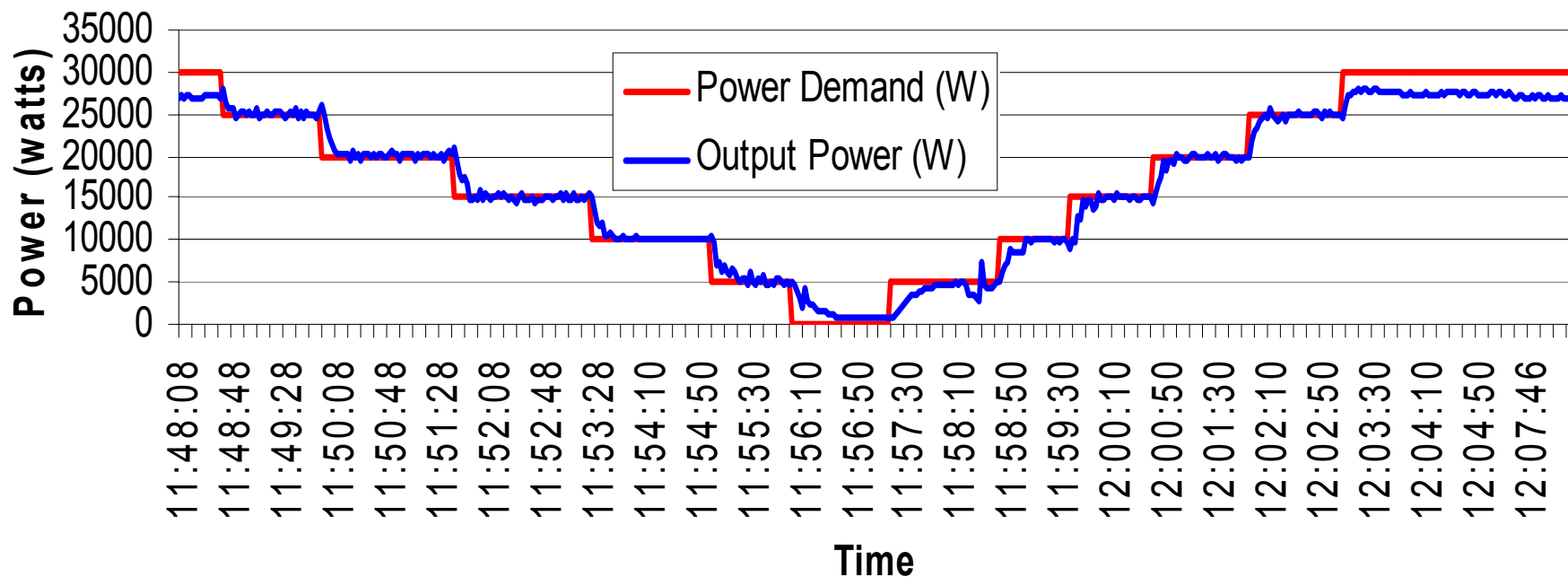
Normal Grid-Tied Operation

“Conventional”



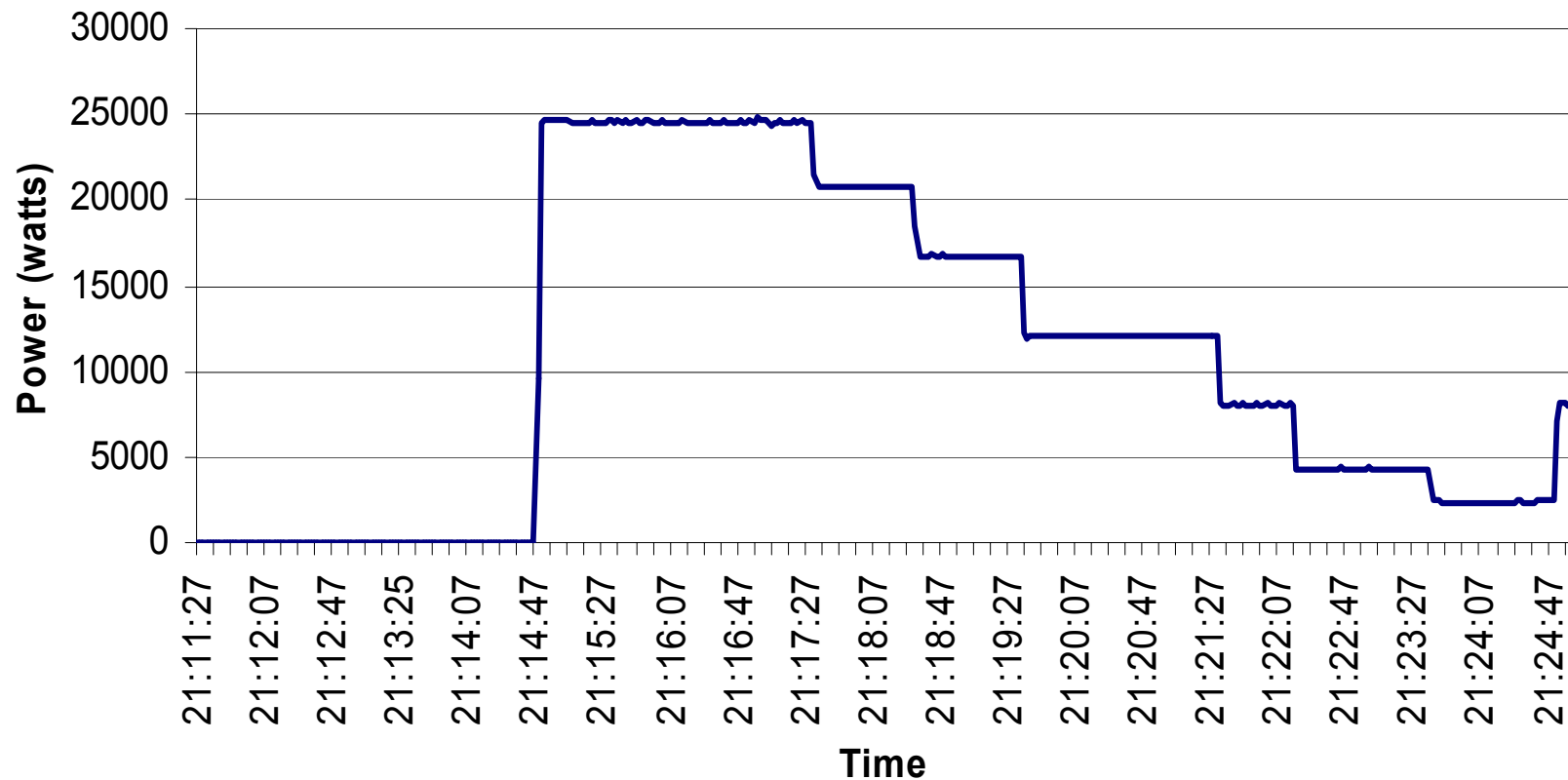
Capstone Load Following Capability (Grid-Tied)

Note – No Sag Immunity

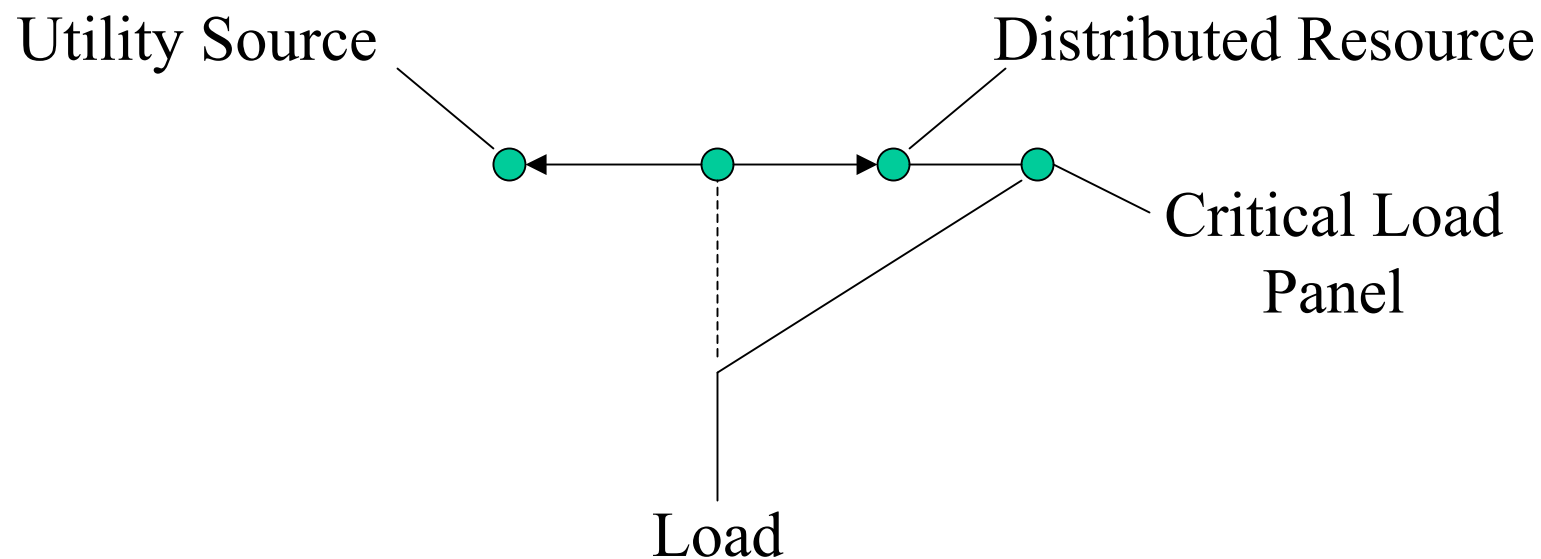


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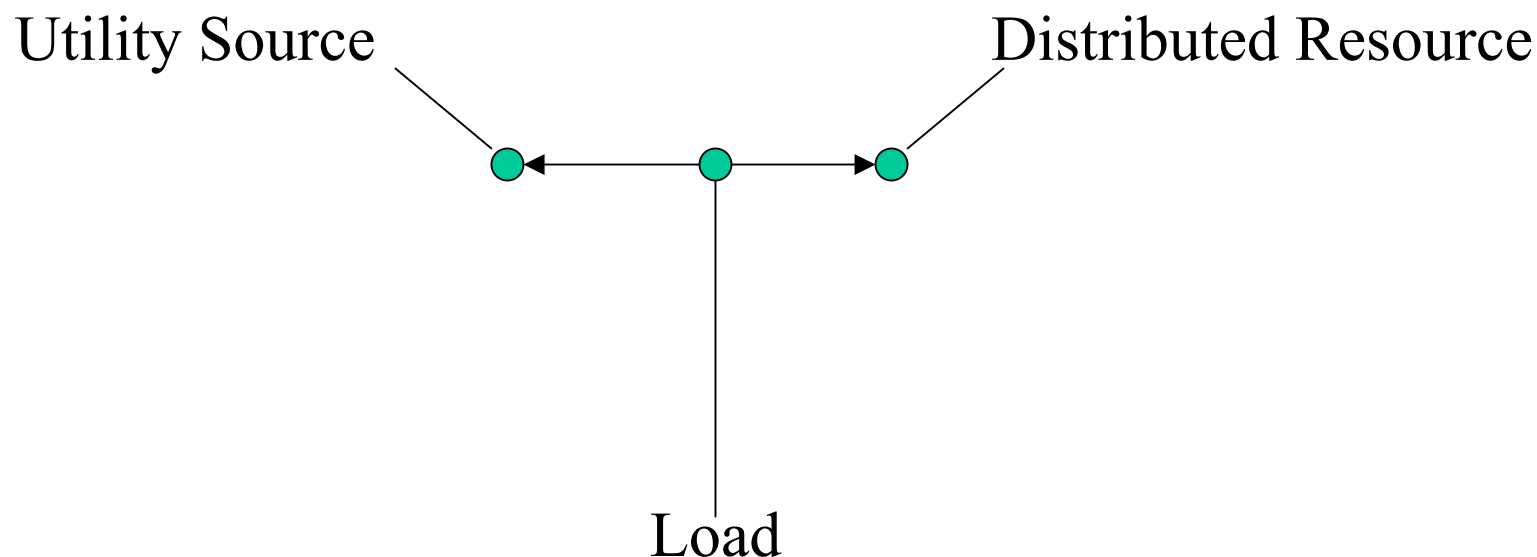
Capstone 28 kW MTG - Stand-alone



If You Want Sag/Transition Immunity

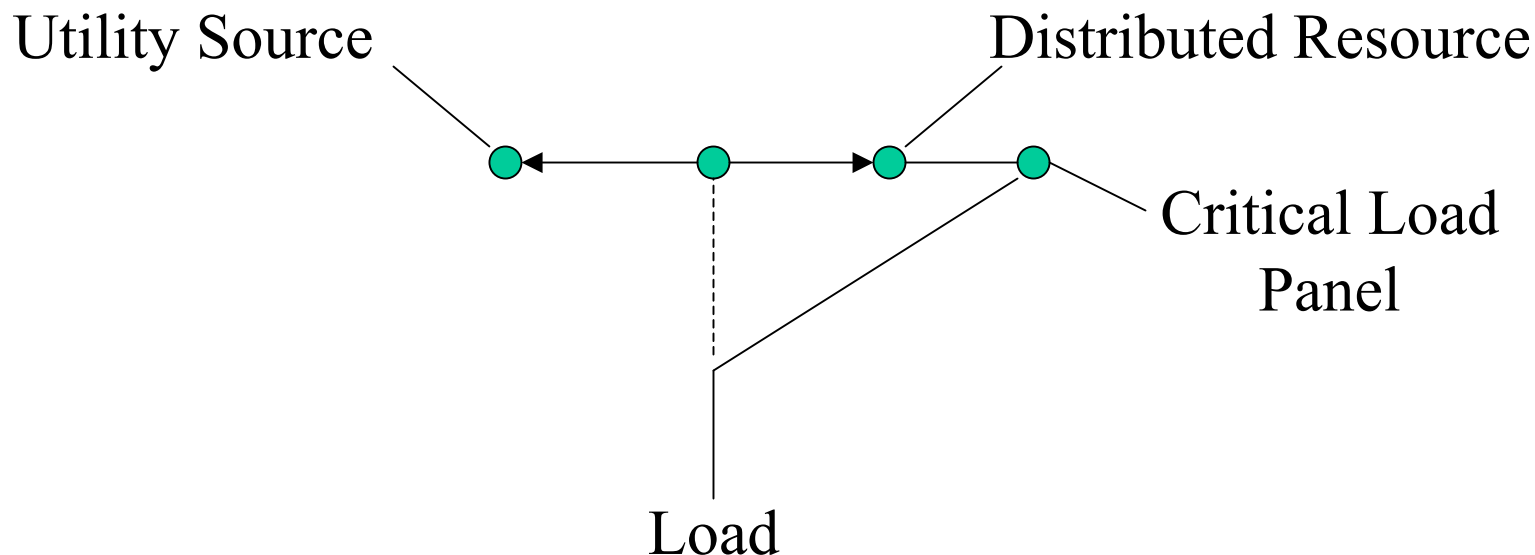


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Load will not see an outage



Will DG Support Voltage During Sag or Transfer?

It depends!

If sag immunity is an important part of why you want distributed generation, then be certain the DG you buy has the capability to supply that immunity

Power Quality - Distortion

- Utility-interconnected installations are governed by IEEE standard 519
- Most manufacturers meet 519
- Stand-alone installations are heavily influenced by the load



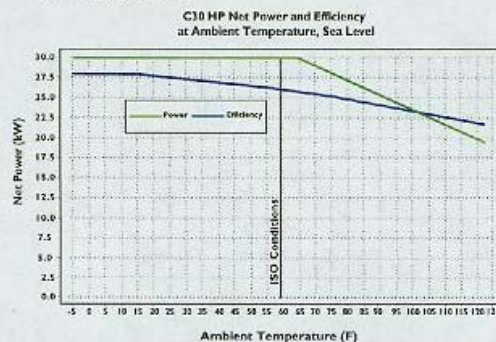
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